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VI. QUESTION OF THE REALIZATION OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT

1. The Commission considered agenda item 6 concurrently with item 5 (see chap. V) at its 13th to 18th meetings, from 24 to 26 March, and at its 58th meeting, on 22 April 1998. 1/

2. For the documents issued under agenda item 6, see annex IV to the present report. For a list of all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission and Chairman's statements, by agenda item, see annex V to the present report.

3. At the 14th meeting, on 24 March 1998, the Chairman-Rapporteur of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Right to Development, Mr. Antonio García Revilla, introduced the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on its second session (E/CN.4/1998/29).

4. In the general debate on agenda item 6, statements 2/ were made by the following members of the Commission: Bangladesh (17th), Brazil (17th), Chile (13th), China (15th), Cuba (17th), El Salvador (16th), India (14th), Indonesia (16th), Malaysia (18th), Morocco (14th), Nepal (15th), Peru (14th), Republic of Korea (17th), Russian Federation (16th), South Africa (17th), Sri Lanka (14th), Tunisia (17th), Uganda (15th), Ukraine (17th), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) (15th), United States of America (18th).

5. The Commission heard statements by the observers for: Algeria (18th), Colombia (18th), Côte d'Ivoire (16th), Egypt (15th), Ethiopia (16th), Finland (16th), Guatemala (16th), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (18th), Iraq (14th), Japan (16th), Madagascar (16th), Nicaragua (18th), Nigeria (16th), Norway (16th), Pakistan (16th), Portugal (18th), Senegal (16th), Swaziland (15th), United Arab Emirates (16th), United Republic of Tanzania (14th), Yemen (18th). The observers for the Holy See (14th) and Switzerland (16th) also made statements.

6. Statements were also made by the observers for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (16th), the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (16th), the United Nations Children's Fund (18th), the World Bank (17th) and the World Health Organization (14th).

7. The Commission also heard statements by the following non-governmental organizations: African Association of Education for Development (18th),

African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters (14th), Afro-Asian People's Solidarity Organization (18th), American Association of Jurists (14th), Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace (17th), Asian Cultural Forum on Development (17th), Association tunisienne pour l'auto-développement et la solidarité (17th), Baha'i International Community (on behalf of African Commission of Health and Human Rights Promoters, All India Women's Conference, International Association for the Defence of Religious Liberty, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, International Educational Development, International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education, Susila Dharma International Association, United Towns Agency for North-South Cooperation, World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women, World Federation of United Nations Associations, Zonta International) (14th), Caritas Internationalis (18th), Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation (17th), Indian Council of Education (17th), Indian Movement Tupaj Amaru (14th), International Association against Torture (18th), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (14th), International Federation of Rural Adult Catholic Movements (17th), International Federation of Social Workers (16th), International Indian Treaty Council (17th), International Institute for Peace (17th), International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples (17th), International Organization for the Development of Freedom of Education (16th), International Union of Latin Notariat (14th), Movement against Racism and for Friendship among Peoples (18th), Pax Romana (joint statement with Franciscans International) (14th), Service, Peace and Justice in Latin America (17th), Socialist International (18th), Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (17th), World Federation for Mental Health (17th), World Federation of Trade Unions (14th), World Muslim Congress (17th), World Society of Victimology (17th).

8. A statement equivalent to the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Brazil (18th).

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9. At its 58th meeting, on 22 April 1998, the observer for Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) introduced draft resolution E/CN.4./1998/L.19, sponsored by China and Colombia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement). Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Paraguay,

Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Uruguay subsequently joined the sponsors.

10. In accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the attention of the Commission was drawn to the estimated administrative and programme budget implications 1/ of the draft resolution.

11. Statements in connection with the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Japan (on behalf of itself and Australia) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

12. A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States of America.

13. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote. For the text of the resolution as adopted, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1998/72.